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1. LAMBACH OFFRG PERMREP IN EASTBERLIN TOLD EMBOFF
MARCH 21 THAT THE PERMREP HAS RECEIVED FEWER GDR VISITORS
PER DAY IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS THAN HAS BEEN NORMAL DURING
THE PAST SIX MONTHS. LAMBACH SAID THAT THE PERM REP
CONSIDERED THE REDUCTION A POSSIBLE RESULT OF TOUGHER
GDR MEASURES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TO DISCOURAGE GDR CITIZENS
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FROM APPLYING TO EMIGRATE. HE REPORTED THAT GDR CITIZENS
CONTINUED TO ENJOY FREE ACCESS TO THE PERM REP,
BUT SAID THAT SOME VISITORS HAD REPORTED BEING FOLLOWED
AFTER LEAVING THE BUILDING.

2. BASED ON HONECKER'S REMARKS IN HIS SAARBRUECKER ZEITUNG
INTERVIEW , THE PERM REP FEARED THAT THE GDR WOULD CUT DOWN

ON THE NUMBER OF EAST GERMANS ALLOWED TO EMIGRATE TO THE FRG. HONECKER HAD SAID THAT THE GDR WAS FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION, BUT NOT FOR TEARING FAMILIES APART. FOR THE PERM REP, LAMBACH SAID, THIS WAS A POSSIBLE SIGNAL THAT THE GDR INTENDED TO CONTINUE RESOLVING LEGITIMATE FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES AT THE PRESENT RATE, BUT WOULD CUT DOWN ON EMIGRATION BY EAST GERMANS WITHOUT FAMILY TIES IN THE FRG. LAMBACH ESTIMATED THAT UP TO ONE THIRD OF ALL EAST GERMANS ALLOWED TO LEAVE UNDER THE RUBRIC OF FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS THUS FAR IN FACT HAD NO FAMILY TIES IN THE FRG.

3. LAMBACH FELT THE GDR WAS NOW ARGUING THAT THE TIME HAD COME TO CONSIDER " BASIC PROBLEMS" IN FRG-GDR RELATIONS BECAUSE IT EXPECTED NO MOVEMENT ON PRACTICAL ISSUES BEFORE BELGRADE ANYWAY. THE GDR REALIZED THAT BONN COULD NOT CHANGE ITS POSITION ON THE CITIZENSHIP QUESTION, LAMBACH ARGUED, AND WAS NOW FOCUSING ON THIS ISSUE WHILE CALLING FOR FURTHER NORMALIZATION IN ORDER TO PLACE BLAME FOR STALLED RELATIONS ON THE FRG.

4. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO A NORWEGIAN DIPLOMAT IN EAST BERLIN, SED POLITBURO MEMBER SINDERMAN TOLD A VISITING NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION IN EARLY MARCH THAT FRG-GDR RELATIONS WERE NOT AS BAD AS THEY SEEMED IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND IN THE MEDIA. SINDERMAN PREDICTED THAT THE FRG-GDR PUBLIC ACROMONY WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL AFTER THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE, AT WHICH TIME BOTH SIDES WOULD REASSESS THE PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER NORMALIZATION. ACCORDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE NORWEGIAN, SINDERMAN EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE FRG WOULD NOT EMPLOY ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE GDR.

5. LAMBACH'S SUGGESTION THAT THE GDR MAY WANT TO CUT BACK ON EMIGRATION OF GDR APPLICANTS WITH NO TIES IN THE FRG, CONTRASTS WITH THE RECENT STATEMENT TO EMBOFF BY VON RICHTHOFEN OF THE FRG REPRESENTATION (REFTEL THAT THE EXPECTED THE SAME NUMBER AND MIX OF GDR EMIGRANTS TO THE FRG AS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, THESE INCLUDED THE ONE THIRD OF THE ANNUAL TOTAL REFERRED TO BY LAMBACH. POLANSKY

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